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**FREE FORUM ON "THE USE OF MEDIATION IN ESTATE PLANNING" SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3**

A free public forum on using mediation in estate planning will be held on Wednesday, March 3, from noon to 1:00 p.m., at The Mediation Center of the Pacific in the Dole Cannery Office Building, 680 Iwilei Road, Suite 530.

John Gromala, California commercial mediator and attorney, will discuss the use of mediation during Estate Planning to minimize litigation over inheritance disputes and in improving communication and relations among family members.

Gromala has mediated a wide range of conflict cases, is an adjunct professor at the Institute for Study of Alternative Dispute Resolution at Humboldt State University, and has conducted mediation workshops at numerous regional and international conferences.

This event is sponsored by the Hawai'i State Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, The Mediation Center of the Pacific, and the University of Hawai'i's Program on Conflict Resolution. Call The Mediation Center of the Pacific at 521-6767 to reserve a seat or for more information.

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